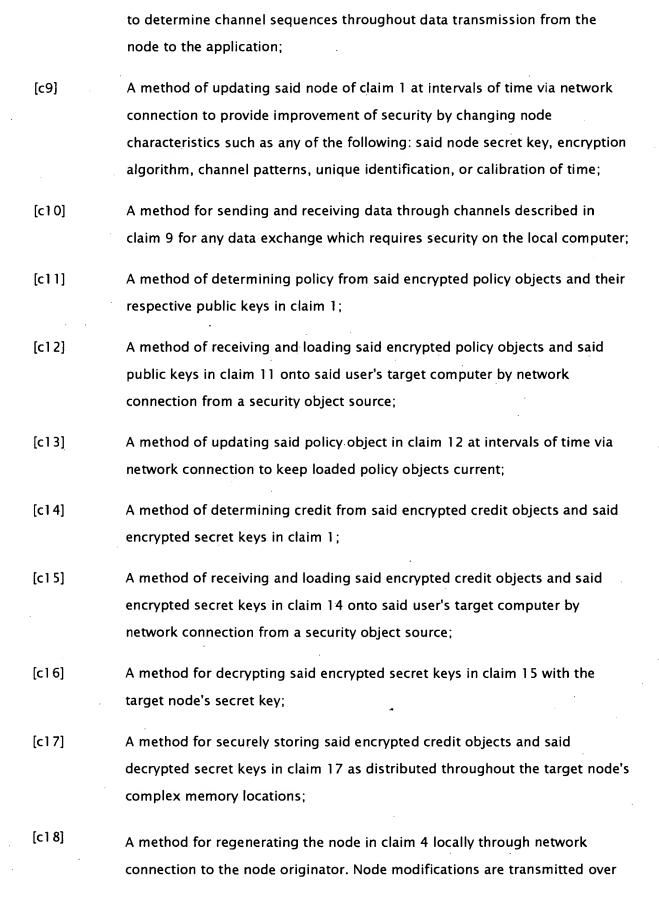
## Claims

[c1]	Regulated use of encrypted freely distributed files and streams by a user
	comprising the method steps of:
	loading self-installing complex node on user's target computer;
	installing said complex node on said user's target computer;
	using said encrypted files and streams through secure local decryption by
	means of said installed node and by means of encrypted credit objects and
	encrypted policy objects;

- [c2] A method of loading said self-installing node of claim 1 on user's target computer from data media such as floppy diskette or CD.
- [c3] A method of loading said self-installing node of claim 1 on user's target computer from a network connection.
- [c4] A method requiring said self-installing node of claim 1 to obtain a network connection to a node originator to install said node upon said target computer in a unique and complex fashion.
- [c5] A method for claim 4 of providing sufficient complexity and variety in said node installation so as to make unauthorized access of any particular data stored by said node practically impossible.
- [c6] A method for partially decrypting said encrypted files and streams of claim 1 by the node using the secret key associated with the particular file or stream;
- [c7] A method for sending partially decrypted data between said node of claim 1 and the application which uses the decrypted file or stream through channels, which are one or more memory and other exchange locations in the target computer;
- [c8]
  A method for claim 7 of partial decryption within said node using associated secret key and channels, such that said channel communications are initiated with preset channels between said node and said application, and a generated random number is passed over said channels, and used thereafter



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the network and stored on the local computer;

[c19] A method of generating said self-installing complex node in Claim 1 by a node source comprising the steps of:

creating a unique node installation for a computer or digital equipment; the node is of such complexity and uniqueness as to require an installation program;

generating a unique installation program to install said unique node;

[c20] A method of generating said encrypted files and streams in Claim 1 by a file or stream source comprising the steps of:
generating the encrypted files and streams and their identification headers that are associated with encrypted policy objects. Encryption of files and streams may be partial, intermittent or complete;
generating the secret public keys used to decrypt the files and streams;

[c21] A method of generating application which makes use of said node in Claim 1 and said channel jumping in Claim 7 by an application source:

A method of generating said security objects in Claim 1 by a security object source comprising the steps of:
generating the public keys used to decrypt the policy objects;
generating encrypted policy objects with public keys. The policy objects are associated with a file or stream;
generating encrypted credit objects with or without encrypted secret keys that are associated with either individual or groups of files and or streams;